



SUMMER CAMPS AT THE CCC

Q & A

Summer programs at the Cowichan Community Centre have long been a highlight of many children's summer vacation. Staff are eager to start another exciting summer with you and your children, and plans have been in the works for quite some time. Under the current conditions with the COVID 19 pandemic, your children's safety and the safety of our employees and community is our first priority. To offer our programs responsibly, we will be working under the guidance of the Provincial Health Authority, WorkSafe BC, and our industry associations. When we do start summer programming, our careful and measured approach will be reflective of our new protocols, procedures and the "new normal".

Q. Will there be summer camps at the Cowichan Community Centre?

A. Yes, we have a variety of camps for kids of all ages. Details for our camps can be found on our [website](#) and at reccowichan.ca. You can register [on-line](#) or by calling 250.748.7529.

All camps are subject to change due to regulations and guidelines along with our continuing assessment of our ability to provide a safe and healthy environment for participants and staff.

Q. Is there a brochure with all of the summer camp offerings?

A. All of our camps can be viewed on-line at reccowichan.ca or on our [website](#). We do have some print material that we can send you.

Q. Will I get my money back if I need to cancel due to illness?

A. We will be following provincial health guidelines relating to children/families experiencing symptoms related to COVID 19 and ask that you withdraw your child from camp if your child or anyone in your family is not feeling well.

You will receive a full refund for camps that have not begun, or a prorated amount if camp has already started.

Q. Is it safe for my children to attend camp?

A. Only you can make that call. Here is what we are doing: Additional health and safety protocols have been put in place to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID 19. We ask that you read and consider our Summer Camp Guidelines closely prior to registering your child in summer camp. The CVRD is taking measures to lower the risk of the spread of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, it does not guarantee its ability to do so.

Prerequisite: Children will need to be responsible enough to strictly adhere to these safety guidelines during their time at camp.

Guidelines can be found at <https://www.cvrld.bc.ca/>

Q. Will you be physical distancing?

A. Whenever possible, physically distancing (PD) will be encouraged for both children and staff. PD is the key safety protocol in reducing the risk of transmission. Staff and participants will be expected to continue to follow this practice.

Q. Will staff be wearing masks and gloves?

A. Staff will be following guidelines and procedures set out by our Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafe BC, the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD), and BC Recreation and Parks Association.

Q. Will camps be swimming?

A. If our local lakes and pools are open and staffed with life guards this summer then we will consider adding swimming into our camp schedule. Dependent on bus availability.

Q. Will you provide hand sanitizer?

A. Yes, however, we will be encouraging everyone to wash their hands whenever possible. If we are outside and without access to handwashing, children will be required to use hand sanitizer.

Q. Will there be pre/post camp this year?

A. No, unfortunately, demand and available resources do not support this service for 2020.

Q. Where do I pick up/drop off my child?

A. Each camp will have an appointed entrance/exit. Each participant will receive an email prior to camp with all of the details as to the camp's designated entrance/exit and the sign in/out procedures.

Q. Will sports equipment be shared?

A. Staff will be cleaning all equipment throughout the camp. We will encourage kids to use their own equipment and not share, however, any equipment that is shared will be sanitized between uses where possible.

Q. Do we need to bring our own sports equipment to Sports Camp?

A. If you have your own equipment, we do encourage you to bring it, and please label it.

Q. Will your camps be participating in contact sports or game play?

A: Not likely. We will be taking direction from the Provincial Sports Organizations, thus there will be specific guidelines for every sport. Some sporting activities will be prioritized and likely meet the guidelines over others. More specific details to come.